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HOUSE RESOLUTION 276  
By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. Whit Ashe for qualifying to compete at the 1999 National High School Rodeo Association Finals and for an excellent season and career in rodeo competitions.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who, through their determination, abilities, and endurance, have achieved goals far and above the masses; and

WHEREAS, one such praiseworthy person is Whit Ashe, who competed at the 1999 National High School Rodeo Association Finals; and

WHEREAS, a sophomore at Hardin County High School in Savannah, Whit Ashe has the distinction of being the first cowboy from Savannah to ride in the National High School Finals; and

WHEREAS, Whit traveled to Gillette, Wyoming to compete in the bareback riding category at the competition that took place on July 19-25, 1999, which was televised nationally on the cable channel, TNN; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ashe qualified for the Nationals after capturing the championship title of the Tennessee state finals, Tennessee Junior Rodeo Mr. Cowboy, and finished the 1998-99 rodeo season second in the state in bareback riding; and

WHEREAS, Whit made an outstanding showing at the Tennessee finals, drawing the assignment of the meanest bull in the state, "Big Sexy," who had thrown every cowboy during the season. Whit mastered the big bull, though, and was still riding "Big Sexy" when the bell rang; and

WHEREAS, last season's showing at the national finals was the second for Whit Ashe. He finished fourth in the junior world bull riding finals in 1998 and, last year, he moved up to the high school level, where he has had continued success; and

WHEREAS, during the 1999 national finals, Mr. Ashe was named among the elite cowboys who have earned Wrangler's All-Star status, as a member of the prestigious 1999-2000 Wrangler High School All-Star Rodeo Team. The blue jean and western wear manufacturer looks at all of the state standings and makes their selections based on leadership qualities, academic eligibility, and athletic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Whit Ashe epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, other notable recognition that Whit has received for his exceptional rodeo skills include being named the 1999 Reserve Rookie of the Year, placing yearly in Bareback, Bull Riding, and Break Away Roping, and being named Tennessee Junior All-Around Cowboy; and

WHEREAS, Whit's many achievements and accomplishments are a great source of pride for his parents, Ron and Freeda Ashe, his sisters, Paige Ashe-McLean and Robin Ashe, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Whit Ashe for his dedication to the sport of rodeo; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Whit Ashe for qualifying and competing at the National High School Finals and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.